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Pinal County transitions Child Support Services to DES

PHOENIX – The Department of Economic Security (DES) today announced that, effective July 1, 2013, child support services currently overseen by the Pinal County Attorney's Office will transition to the State of Arizona's Department of Economic Security. This change is not expected to have any effect on the individuals and families served.

The transition has been made at the county's request. According to Pinal County Attorney Lando Voyles, the transfer of child support services to the State will save Pinal County taxpayer money.

"We have worked diligently with the Pinal County Attorney's Office to ensure that there will not be a disruption of service," said DES Director Clarence Carter. "Parents and families will continue to receive the same high level quality service without any noticeable changes."

DES will continue to use the same location and will display appropriate signage in the building identifying the transition. Further, many of the Pinal County child support employees have been hired by the DES child support division.

Under Arizona law, either the State Attorney General or County Attorney, on behalf of the state, is allowed to initiate an action or intervene in an action to establish, modify or enforce an order of child support. This function will now be pursued by the Attorney General through DES.

DES will operate child support services from 30 N. Florence St., Building D in Florence, site of Pinal County's former operation. The public can contact the Pinal County Child Support Office by phone at 520-251-5900. To contact Child Support Services and to receive further information, visit their website.

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